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Amendments

In the specification:

After the Title and before the Introduction please insert the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

C¹ This application claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application no. 60/084,737, filed May 8, 1998.

Please insert the following paragraph in the specification for the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 3.

C² Methods envisioned in accordance with the invention include nucleic acid synthesis, sequencing, labeling and amplification from crude preparations of DNA from viruses, bacteriophages, and from any cell or tissue such as bacteria, insect, bird, fish, plant, yeast, prokaryotes, eukaryotes and mammals. Preparation of crude extracts of cells or tissues may be accomplished by standard procedures which allow removal of at least some nucleic acids from the cell or tissue without the need for purification of the nucleic acids from the cells, tissue or cell/tissue debris, although nucleic acids may be isolated or purified or partially purified prior to use in accordance with the invention. Examples of